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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
TURKEY

IPF:(1987-91) $13 200 000

(TUR/91/008) - Technical Support to Procurement in the Health Sector)

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	14 August 1991
Expected duration:	Five years
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Health
Proposed UNDP contribution:	Nil Source of funds: IPF
Government cost sharing:	$1 336 000 (100 percent)
Total UNDP budget:	$1 336 000

Project background

The Government of Turkey plans to launch a massive health project to upgrade the health services in eight provinces. The total cost is expected to be approximately $147 million of which there is a World Bank loan component of $75 million. The activities envisaged by the project were initially to be carried out by UNDP/OPS under a Management Services Agreement for the procurement of equipment for the $75 million World Bank loan to the Government of Turkey. However, later on at the Government's request, the project was split into two separate packages: (i) a Management Services Agreement for the establishment of a management information system, and the development of a central level support programme for the Ministry of Health, which will involve a $5 million project expected to be submitted later; and (ii) this cost-sharing project which is fully funded by the Government of Turkey and under which OPS will assist in the procurement of health equipment, supplies and vehicles and build up the capacity within the Ministry of Health for international procurement activities.

The Ministry of Health, which is responsible for the execution of the World Bank-financed health project loan, has limited experience in the area of international procurement in accordance with the World Bank procedures, thereby the rationale for UNDP's involvement.

[1/] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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Description of project

The long-term objective of the project is to upgrade the health services in the country.

UNDP/OPS will provide the Ministry of Health the technical services needed to ensure that the project's resources are used in a swift and cost-effective manner. The project's aim will be to assist the Ministry of Health and ensure that the equipment supplies and vehicles to be purchased under the project correspond to the highest possible standards of quality and cost-effectiveness, thereby significantly contributing to its success and to the upgrading of the health system. However, UNDP/OPS' role will be of a purely advisory nature and will focus on supporting the Ministry of Health in its procurement-related decision-making process.

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) assist the Ministry of Health in the preparation of a comprehensive set of specifications in English for the international procurement of a previously agreed list of goods; (b) select suppliers for the above-mentioned list of goods; and (c) train officials of the Ministry of Health in the international procurement of equipment and supplies.

Inputs

The total Government cost-sharing contribution to the project will be $1,483,000 including support costs.

The project will cover the cost of services of an international procurement adviser in Ankara on an as-and-when needed basis; 19 man-months of specialized ad hoc consultants and provision for significant travel and miscellaneous related expenses, a full-time national procurement officer as well as a secretary and administrative assistant; equipment and office space to prevent the project from impinging on the resources of the UNDP Ankara Office; one fellowship to undertake an internship under OPS procurement Unit; and short-term training for three Turks to attend an ILO training course in International Procurement at the Turin Centre.

Financial data

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Personnel	1 071 000
Training	35 000
Equipment	130 000
Miscellaneous	100 000
Total	1 336 000

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